

Agency Overview

The Idaho Board of Registration for Professional Geologists ("The Board") is a self-governing Board authorized under Chapter 28, Title 54, Idaho Code. The Board is also self-funded, with expenditures balanced by income from Geologist license renewal fees, application fees, examination fees, and associated late fees.

The Board consists of five (5) members appointed by the Governor and meeting the qualifications required by section 54-2803, Idaho Code. "The board shall be comprised of members representing at least three (3) of the following categories: academic geologists, government geologists, salaried company geologists and independent or consultant geologists. Each member of the board takes an oath required by chapter 4, title 59, Idaho Code, before entering upon the duties of his office. On the expiration of the term of any member his successor is appointed in like manner by the governor for a term of five (5) years. Members of the board hold office until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed and until their successors have been appointed and qualified". All nominations are sent to the Governor for review and final appointment. In addition to the appointed Board members, the Idaho Board of Registration for Professional Geologists is staffed by one Administrative Assistant at a .62 FTP. The Board is located at 3350 Americana Terrace, Suite 243, Boise, Idaho 83706. Chairman of the Board is Paul K. Hunter.

Issues concerning the Board are:

- Health and safety of Idaho citizens in geologic matters;
- Unlicensed practice of geology;
- Unethical conduct by registrants; and,
- Prompt response to public complaints.

How does our agency continue to be successful?

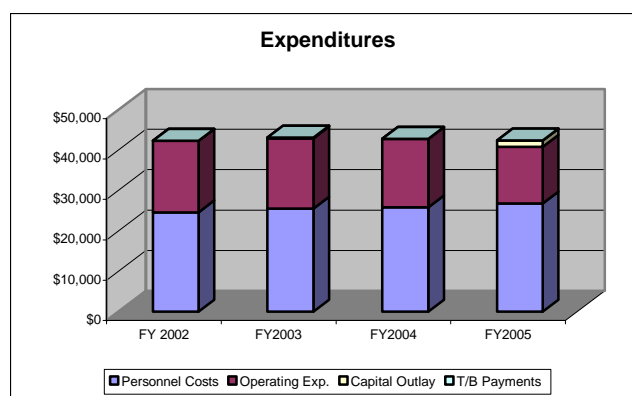
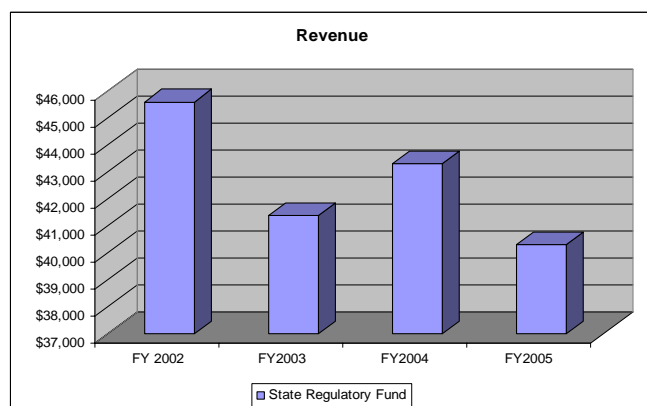
- Regular review of statutes and rules;
- Investigation and validation of complaints;
- Enforcement of Idaho law through notification to unlicensed individuals that they have violated the statutes within the provisions set forth and follow-up with the county prosecutors; and,
- Public information through written and electronic media.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

- To safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, the practice of geology in this state as prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To determine the qualifications of persons applying for registration as a Professional Geologist;
- To prescribe, administer, and maintain security of examination of applicants applying for registration as a Professional Geologist;
- To execute and issue Geologist-in-Training (GIT) and Professional Geologist (PG) registration upon the grounds and in the manner prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To make rules and regulations to carry out the intent and purposes of the Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54;
- To conduct investigations and hearings; and,
- To administer other provisions of Idaho Code Chapter 28, Title 54.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Fees Received	\$45,600	\$41,400	\$43,300	\$40,290
Total	\$45,600	\$41,400	\$43,300	\$40,290
Expenditure	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personnel Costs	\$24,600	\$25,500	\$25,800	\$26,800
Operating Expenditures	\$17,700	\$17,400	\$17,000	\$14,000
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$1,600
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$42,300	\$43,100	\$42,800	\$42,400



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Registered geologists in Idaho	630	630	628	603
# PG Applicants tested	14	10	10	6
# PG Certificates issued via reciprocity	2	2	5	5
# GIT Applicants tested	15	10	13	5
# Of Complaints Investigated	0	0	6	8
Free Fund Balance (Annual Carryover)	\$54,100	\$52,400	\$52,900	\$50,800

Performance Highlights

The Board's purpose is to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare, in the practice of geology as prescribed by Idaho Code, Chapter 28, Title 54. The Board is self-governing and self-funded. There is an average of just over 600 Professional Geologists in Idaho, a number that fluctuates slightly based on the normal cyclic nature of geologic profession. In 2005, a total of 11 new Professional Geologists were registered in Idaho, a number roughly similar to recent previous years.

The Board is a member state of the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG®), a national organization representing 29 states. As a member of ASBOG®, Idaho's Board is in communication with geologic professionals from across the nation. The Fundamentals and Professional Practice exams administered in Idaho are prepared by national geologic experts retained by ASBOG®. Membership in ASBOG® more readily allows the transfer of professional registration and geologic information between ASBOG® member states. In 2005, Idaho was pleased to host the national ASBOG® convention, bringing attention and recognition to Idaho.

The Board works to increase the profile of the geologic profession in Idaho and to promote the registration of Idaho geologists. Beginning in 2005, we began contacting the Universities to promote graduating seniors to challenge the GIT exam. The geo-sciences department at Boise State University is considering using the GIT examination as a self-evaluation tool to assist in measuring the effectiveness of their geo-science programs. We expect our contacts with universities will increase the number of GIT applicants in the future. The Board also publishes an annual newsletter, which is distributed to registrants, and other selected institutions and agencies. The newsletter provides discussion about Board issues and discusses issues of interest to the practice of geology.

In the past few years, the Board has seen an increase in complaints regarding the practice of geology in Idaho. The biggest issue appears to be individuals practicing geology without appropriate registration. In response, the Board continues to clarify policies and procedures to address complaints and violations. The Board also reviews the Statutes and Rules relating to complaints and violations. The Board is also undertaking increased public education as opportunities arise.

The Board maintains a Free Fund Balance of just over \$50,000. We believe that to be sufficient to insure that we continue to be self-supported despite fluctuations of registrants or unanticipated costs. The Free Fund Balance decreased in 2005 by approximately \$2,000. We attribute that decrease to moving our office and upgrading technical equipment.

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